

Amendment to the Specification:

Please amend Paragraph No. [0056] of the substitute specification as follows:

[0056] The blanks are in practice usually made of a metal oxide powder of the group consisting of Al_2O_3 , TiO_2 , MgO , Y_2O_3 and zirconia oxide mixed crystal $\text{Zr}_{1-x}\text{Me}_x\text{O}_2 - (\frac{4n}{2})_x$ where Me is a metal which is present in oxide form as a bi-, tri- or tetravalent cation and stabilises the tetragonal and/or cubic phase of the zirconia oxide. In the formula for the zirconia oxide mixed crystal $n = 2, 3$ or 4 and $0 \leq x \leq 1$.